

willingness to assist the U.S. government in combating worldwide terrorism. The people of Taiwan have embraced the notion that terrorism is the enemy of all the people of the world.

Mr. Speaker, I urge all of my colleagues to join me today in congratulating the people of Taiwan and I wish them goodwill and fortune for their bright and prosperous future.

CELEBRATING THE REPUBLIC OF
CHINA (TAIWAN)

HON. ROBERT WEXLER

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, October 10, 2001

Mr. WEXLER. Mr. Speaker, it is an honor and privilege for me to join President Chen Shui-bian and the people of the Republic of China in celebrating National Day on October 10, 2001. This important occasion highlights the growth and emergence of Taiwan's democracy as well as its dynamic economy.

Over the past fifty years, Taiwan has undergone tremendous political, economic and social changes. As the first democracy in thousands of years of Chinese history, Taiwan has become a model for other emerging democracies around the world to emulate. Taiwan has also emerged as an economic powerhouse. Despite Taiwan's small size and lack of physical resources it has become the world's 17th largest economy, 15th largest trading nation, 8th largest investor and 3rd largest holder of foreign exchange. Taiwan plays an essential role in the global economy and is a major economic partner of the United States. Over the past decade, a robust bilateral trade relationship between Taiwan and the United States has mutually benefitted both nations. Last year, bilateral trade between our two nations topped \$64.8 billion and it continues to grow.

I would like to congratulate President Chen Shui-bian who has passionately advocated Taiwan's strong commitment to democracy, human rights, and increased global economic cooperation. Please know that I join many of my colleagues in the United States Congress in supporting your government effort to seek readmission to the United Nations and other international organizations. I strongly believe that Taiwan deserves a seat in all international fora and a prominent place on the world stage.

I also want to thank President Chen and the people of Taiwan who have heeded President Bush's call to join the international community in a counter-terrorism coalition following the September 11, 2001, attacks on the United States. President Chen's government has graciously pledged all of Taiwan's resources in helping the United States fight the terrible scourge of terrorism. President Chen's pledge of unequivocal support for our nation during these difficult times is a testament to the historically close relationship between the United States and Taiwan.

Again, I want to wish the people and government of Taiwan the very best as they celebrate Taiwan's National Day.

IN HONOR OF THE NATIONAL DAY
OF THE REPUBLIC OF CHINA ON
TAIWAN

HON. ENI F.H. FALEOMAVAEGA

OF AMERICAN SAMOA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, October 10, 2001

Mr. FALEOMAVAEGA. Mr. Speaker, on the auspicious occasion of the National Day of the Republic of China (ROC)—October 10th, 2001—I send my warmest greetings, congratulations and best wishes to President Chen Shui-bian, the Honorable C.J. Chen, ROC Representative to the United States, and the good people of Taiwan.

I also wish to acknowledge and thank President Chen, Representative Chen and the leaders of Taiwan for their strong support of the United States in the aftermath of the September 11th terrorist attacks on America. As our Nation struggled to recover from the horrific tragedy, I would note Taiwan was one of the first governments to declare unequivocal support for and cooperation with the United States to combat terrorism worldwide.

President Chen has repeatedly affirmed Taiwan's strong belief that the United States is on the right course in going after terrorists and extremists worldwide, and Taiwan has offered assistance in this mission. Terrorism knows no national boundaries and terrorists seek to destroy freedom and our democratic way of life. Standing shoulder to shoulder as fellow democracies, Taiwan has mourned with America, shared the pain of our Nation, and joined in partnership to fight terrorism.

Mr. Speaker, the quick response of Taiwan is not surprising, as the Republic of China is a true democracy—a democracy that cherishes, protects and respects all of the rights of her citizens. The success of Taiwan's democracy is further reflected in her prosperity where, despite having only 23 million people, Taiwan has developed into one of the most important and robust economies in the world.

As the United States leads the global fight to eradicate terrorism, Mr. Speaker, let us be thankful for good friends and allies such as Taiwan. In this regard, Representative C.J. Chen has done an excellent and superb job on Capitol Hill and Washington in representing Taiwan and furthering relations between our governments.

Mr. Speaker, on October 10th, the National Day marking the birth of the Republic of China, I ask our colleagues and all Americans to join me in saluting and honoring the strong, vibrant and impressive democracy that is Taiwan today.

HONORING LAURENCE R. (CAMPY)
CAMPTON

HON. SCOTT McINNIS

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, October 10, 2001

Mr. McINNIS. Mr. Speaker, I would like to take the opportunity to honor Mr. Laurence R. (Campy) Campton as he celebrates his 85th birthday on October 27, 2001. I want to recognize Campy for his love of his country and dedicated patriotism first exemplified during his service in World War II.

Campy has seen some of the most horrifying scenes in American war history. Mr. Campton landed on Utah Beach at Normandy where Campy and his comrades in the Fourth Infantry Division made the initial push to drive the Nazi forces back into Germany. German soldiers later captured Campy during the Battle of the Bulge. He remained a captive of the Nazi troops until he was finally liberated by American soldiers and spent the remainder of his tour in Europe in a hospital bed in France. It is my privilege to acknowledge Campy for the sacrifices he made that future generations would enjoy the freedoms and liberties that shape the American way of life. Furthermore, I wish to honor Campy for the bravery he showed on the battlefields of France and the leadership he took back to Colorado where he became an active member of the community.

Campy and his wife Daisy have made significant contributions to their local neighborhood in Salida, Colorado where they have lived since 1949. Campy has always put his community first serving as the Chaffee County Veterans Services Officer and was recently named the Veterans Service Officer of the Year at the annual state convention. Campy is also a devoted family man as he and Daisy raised three children to respect and love their country.

Mr. Speaker, Mr. Campton is a role model to all Americans. Campy represents a thread in the fabric of our nation. It is my honor to recognize a Mr. Laurence R. (Campy) Campton for his lifetime of achievements from the battlefields of France to the local Veterans of Foreign Wars post in Salida, Colorado. It is my pleasure to offer Campy the thanks from our nation and my warmest regards.

TRIBUTE TO THE REPUBLIC OF
CHINA ON ITS NATIONAL DAY

HON. WM. LACY CLAY

OF MISSOURI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, October 10, 2001

Mr. CLAY. Mr. Speaker, on behalf of my constituents, I wish to extend my warmest congratulations today to President Chen Shui-bian and to all Taiwanese people on the occasion of the Republic of China's National Day.

Taiwan is one of America's closest and most reliable allies and it is one of Asia's greatest democracies. Our decades-long relationship with Taiwan continues to be strong and I am certain it will remain so for generations to come. The warmth of our relationship can best be gauged by examining the level of friendly interaction between our two nations.

Our bi-lateral trade, which topped \$64.8 billion last year, continues to grow at a healthy pace and has made Taiwan the United States' eighth largest global trading partner. And last year, nearly 30,000 students from Taiwan attended colleges and universities here in the United States. Additionally, outside of Asia, the United States is the number one tourist destination for Taiwan travelers.

Clearly, the people of Taiwan, like the United States share many of the same values that we hold dear, values such as freedom, democracy and the defense of human rights. And they have always remained a steadfast ally in a region of vital importance.

Recently, the Taiwanese people and their government once again demonstrated the values and commitment they share with us, by